



*The South Asian Studies Program, the Religious Studies Department, and the University of Missouri Lectures Committee invite you to TWO special events:*

**Professor Meena Nayak**  
**“Krishna vs. Shiva in the *Mahabharata*”**

Thursday, November 1  
4:00 p.m., 101 Swallow Hall

Professor Nayak’s new book *Evil in the Mahabharata* offers a compelling reinterpretation of the epic that presents a nuanced analysis of the characters, away from the dominant noise of the grand narrative.

***Endless Rain*—reading and discussion**

Friday, November 2  
4:00 p.m., Skylark Bookstore  
22 South Ninth Street

*Endless Rain* (2006) is a deeply moving story of daily life in Kashmir, and how family life is constantly transformed by religious matters, political issues and other forces from outside the home, often with tragic results.

**Meena Arora Nayak** is the author of the monograph *Evil in the Mahabharata*; novels *Endless Rain*, *About Daddy*, and *In the Aftermath*; and a children’s book, *The Puffin Book of Legendary Lives*. Her short stories are in anthologies *The City of Sin and Splendour* and *Enhanced Gravity*, and her forthcoming book is *The Blue Lotus, Myths and Folktales of India*. She has a PhD in Philosophy with a focus on Hindu mythology and an MFA in Creative Writing. She is a professor of English at Northern Virginia Community College.

